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INFO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

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AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 17378

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SUBJ: ICCS: IRDEL AMBASSADOR'S VIEWS ON ICCS BUDGET PROBLEMS

REF: SAIGON 17225 (NOTAL)

1. IRDEL AMB SADRI TOLD EMBOFFS OCT 3 THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED
ICCS FINANCES WITH DRV AND PRG REPRESENTATIVES WHO
VISITED HIS OFFICE SAME DAY TO REPAY COURTESY CALL HE HAD MADE
ON THEM EARLIER.

2. SADRI SAID HE INTRODUCED THE TOPIC, CLAIMING HE WANTED TO
UTILIZE ESSENTIALLY PROTOCOLARY VISIT FOR PURPOSES OF SERIOUS DIS-
CUSSION. SADRI REPORTED HE SAID AS NEWCOMER TO ICCS, HE WAS
CONCERNED AT DIFFICULT FINANCIAL SITUATION OF ICCS AND AT FACT THAT
ALL FOUR PARTIES HAD NOT SUPPORTED ICCS EQUALLY. DRV AND PRG HAD
CONTINUAALY INSISTED THAT THEY SUPPORTED PARIS AGREEMENTS, THE
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CEASE-FIRE, AND THE ICCS, BUT HAD NOT AS YET EVIDENCED THEIR SUPPORT

BY MAKING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ICCS. THEREFORE, IT WAS APPARENT TO HIM AS A NEWCOMER THAT COMPLIMENTARY WORDS AND PHRASES OF DRV AND PRG WERE NOT SUBSTANTIAL.

3. SADRI SAID THAT PRG AND DRV REPRESENTATIVES AVOIDED RESPONDING DIRECTLY TO HIS VIEWS, CLAIMING THAT THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO ENTER INTO SUBSTANTIVE CONVERSATIONS WITH HIM ON OCCASION OF RETURN VISIT. BOTH AVOWED AGAIN, HOWEVER, THAT THEY DID SUPPORT CEASE-FIRE AND PARIS AGREEMENTS.

4. SADRI SAID HE HAD A CONSULTATION SCHEDULED WITH OCTOBER CHAIRMAN ESZTERGALYOS LATER TODAY AND HE INTENDED ALERT HIM THAT IRDEL WOULD ASK FOR INSCRIPTION OF ITEM RELATED TO ICCS FINANCES ON AGENDA FOR FIRST PLENARY MEETING. DATE FOR MEETING NOT YET SET, AND HE WOULD ASK ESZTERGALYOS WHEN HE INTENDED TO SET MEETING. HE (SADRI) WAS PREPARING OFFICIAL LETTER TO ESZTERGALYOS REQUESTING INSCRIPTION. HE PLANNED TO TELL HIM BOTH IN CONSULTATION AND LETTER THAT HE CONSIDERED IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ICCS TO UNDERTAKE BACK-LOG OF ITEMS, REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATION, ETC. UNTIL ICCS HAD SOUNDER FINANCIAL BASE.

5. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFFS, SADRI STRONGLY HINTED THAT ARRIVAL FINAL SECTION IRDEL CONTINGENT WOULD BE DEPENDENT UPON SUFFICIENT FINANCIAL GUARANTEE. SADRI SAID HE WAS EXPECTING BETWEEN FORTY AND FIFTY MEMBERS OF DELEGATION NEXT WEEK, BUT HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO BRING REMAINDER OF DELEGATION, PARTICULARLY MILITARY OFFICERS SCHEDULED FOR DEPLOYMENT TO THE FIELD, UNTIL ICCS HAD SECURE FINANCIAL BASE AND COULD GUARANTEE THAT TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN VIETNAM, AND ACCOMMODATIONS WOULD NOT BE THREATENED BY PRECARIOUS FINANCIAL CONDITION.

6. SADRI NOTED THAT HE IS STILL PUZZLED BY PROBLEM OF WHETHER MOSCOW OR PEKING HAS MORE INFLUENCE ON PRG AND DRV. HE LEANS TOWARD MOSCOW, SINCE BOTH POLAND AND HUNGARY ARE CLOSER TO MOSCOW THAN TO PEKING. HE BELIEVES, THEREFORE, THAT MOSCOW IS PROBABLY DIRECTLY CONCERNED IN POLISH AND HUNGARIAN POLICIES WITHIN THE ICCS, INCLUDING BUDGET AND FINANCING. ON OTHER HAND, DRV AND PRG, AS ASIAN COMMUNIST "GOVERNMENTS" ARE PROBABLY MORE INFLUENCED BY PEKING EXAMPLE.

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7. SADRI INDICATED HE WOULD BE REPORTING HIS VIEWS TO TEHRAN, SUGGESTING THAT GOI APPROACH ALL, REPEAT ALL FOUR PARTIES TO ENCOURAGE SETTLEMENT OF BUDGET QUESTION AND FURTHER IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT.
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